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Comments: I am an outdoor enthusiast and enjoy the amazing views and terrain features offered in the Chugach National Forest. My family and I enjoy snowmachining there because it offers access to many areas that are difficult or impossible to get to in the summer, as well as hiking in the summer. It is an area that should be open to maximum recreational opportunities, not closed off to serve the desires of those who seem opposed to any human presence. In fact, more areas should be opened to maximize people's ability to enjoy this great treasure. Regarding motorized users, snowmachiners contribute in ways that benefit everyone, not just other snowmachiners. For instance, our tag fees contribute to trail maintenance, and those trails are used not just for recreation but also to provide first responders faster access to those in need of emergency care. Classifying more and more areas as wilderness only serves to push motorized users into other areas. Please consider opening more of Chugach to motorized use, rather than imposing more restrictions.